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Shankar

it makes me blush to say
that she
has come humbly to ask your
pardon ;
or, if that is impossible, to
accept her
punishment from your hand.
For she
owns that she alone was to
blame,—
and she asks you, in the name
of all
that is sacred, to spare her
brother's
country and her brother.

King

But you must know, old man,
it is
war,—and this war is with her
brother,
and not herself. I have no
time to
discuss the rights and
wrongs of
the question with a woman.
But,
being a man, you ought to
know
that when once a war is
started,
rightly or wrongly, it is our
man's
pride that must carry it on
to the
end